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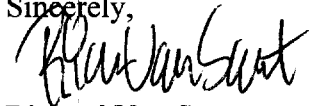
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Re: Docket #98N-1038, "Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Food"

I was horrified to learn that the FDA had approved irradiation of food products. Now I am told that it wants to remove clear labeling requirements for food that has undergone this procedure. I find this totally outrageous and unacceptable from an organization formed to protect the consumer. This is not the type of protection I desire. I urge you to keep in effect and strongly enforce clear labeling (including the words "irradiation", "irradiated", and the "radura" symbol) requirements.

Please give health conscious consumers the option to reject foods subjected to this questionable procedure.

Sincerely,



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